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The **Rotary**
Club of FishHawk-Riverview
P.O. Box 2567, Riverview, FL 33568



2021 District 6890 Speech Contest

TO: School Administrators and Faculty Members in Rotary District 6890
FR: Dorothy Phillips, Speech Contest Coordinator
The Rotary Club of Fishhawk-Riverview | (813)294-2620 | ddq1113@aol.com
RE: Rotary Clubs of District 6890 Speech Contest
Date: December 7, 2020

I am writing to tell you about a wonderful opportunity for your students.

Every year Rotary District 6890 sponsors a district-wide speech contest. This is a great experience for students in our community to develop public speaking skills while learning about the humanitarian work of Rotary International.

The contest is open to all high school students in the area. Each contestant is asked to speak for five to seven minutes on the same theme: *Rotary Opens Opportunities*. A panel of judges evaluates the contestants on delivery, originality, and content.

There are three rounds of competition. The first round is at the Club Level and will be completed on February 15, 2021. All applications must be received before or on January 15, 2021. The winner proceeds to the Group Level competition, competing against four or five other Club Level winners. This phase will be completed no later than March 26, 2021. The winner of the Group Level proceeds to District Finals that will be conducted the evening of April 12, 2021 (location TBD). School officials should be aware that the early rounds are typically held during weekly Rotary meeting times. Therefore, students may need to miss portions of two school days (or participate virtually).

Monetary prizes are provided. The Club Level prize is typically \$100, and Group Level is \$250. The District Finals winner will receive \$1,000. Smaller cash prizes are awarded at the Club and Group Levels and District Finals for second and third places.

Each Rotary Club is responsible for recruiting its own contestants. Should you know of a student that may be interested in pursuing this opportunity, please contact me for information on becoming a contestant. There are limitations on the number of students that can compete at the Club Level, so please tend to this matter promptly.

We will be providing additional information to the contestants once they are selected. Should you need any information in the interim, please let me know.

I hope that you will consider advancing this opportunity to your students.

Sincerely,

Sarah Breed
District 6890 Speech Contest Chair
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FR: Ms. Dorothy Phillips, Speech Contest Coordinator
The Rotary Club of Fishhawk-Riverview | (813)294-2620 | ddg1113@aol.com

RE: Rotary Clubs of District 6890 Speech Contest

Date: December 7, 2020

I am writing to invite you to consider an excellent opportunity.

Each year Rotary District 6890 sponsors a district-wide speech contest. This is a wonderful experience for you to develop your public speaking skills while learning about the humanitarian work of Rotary International.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all high school students in the area, although children of Rotarians cannot compete within their parent's Club. Each contestant is asked to speak for five to seven minutes on the same theme: *Rotary Opens Opportunities*. A panel of judges evaluates the contestants on delivery, originality, and content.

Composition: The topic for this year's Speech Contest is the 2020-21 Rotary International theme: *Rotary Opens Opportunities*. Please see www.Rotary.org for information about this theme and the work of Rotary International in general. You may also wish to visit the Rotary District 6890 website: www.rotary6890.org. These are sources upon which you may draw for material, along with considering your own life experiences.

The speech must be between five and seven minutes and will be judged on the following elements: content (40 points), organization (30 points), and delivery (30 points). Notes are allowed but discouraged during the Club Level competition. Notes are not permitted during the Group Level and District Finals.

Competition: There are three rounds of competition. The first round is at the Club Level and will be completed on February 15, 2021. All applications must be received before or on January 15, 2021. The winner proceeds to the Group Level competition, competing against four or five other Club Level winners. This phase will be completed no later than March 26, 2021. The winner of the Group Level proceeds to District Finals that will be conducted the evening of April 12, 2021 (location TBD).

Monetary prizes. Typically, first prize at the Club Level is \$100. The winner of the Group Level usually receives \$250. The District Finals winner will receive \$1,000.

There are limitations on the number of students that can compete at the Club Level, so please contact me as soon as possible to become a contestant or ask for additional information.

I hope that you will consider this great opportunity!

Sarah Breed
District 6890 Speech Contest Chair

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Application to Participate

Rotary Club Name: **The Rotary Club of Fishhawk-Riverview**

Name of Participant: _____

School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

The undersigned applicant, with concurrence of the undersigned parent/guardian, is making an application to participate in the 2021 Rotary District 6890 Speech Contest hosted by The Rotary Club of Fishhawk-Riverview.

The contest will be held on **Monday, 15 February, 2021** on zoom. All applications must be received before or on January 15, 2021. Photos of the contestants may be taken and used by the Club for publicizing the event.

The Rotary Club of Fishhawk-Riverview is solely responsible for assigning judges to evaluate the contestants and to make the final ratings and awards.

Applications should be sent either by email attachment to Club Speech **Contest Chair Ms. Dorothy Phillips @ ddg1113@aol.com**, or can be sent to the following address: **U.S. Post Office Box 298, Riverview FL 33568.**

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____